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In re application of

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Serial No. 10/824,785

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF **ESSENTIALLY CHLORIDE-FREE** CALCIUM SULFONATE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2005 the following amendments are submitted. Consideration of this application in light of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 5, 22, 23 and 25 are drawn to allowable subject matter but are objected to.

Claims 1-4, 6-21, 24 and 26-30 have been rejected.

Please cancel claims 2, 5 and 22 without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 15, 16, 21 and 23 as shown below:

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